

State of California

Respiratory Care Board





February 27, 2003

Inquiry: I have heard that Medical Assistants are not able to provide nebulizer and

MDI treatments. However, the Medical Assistant Practice Act states that if MAs have ten hours of training by MDs or RTs, they may provide these basic respiratory care treatments. I've enclosed a copy of the Medical

Assistant Practice Act.

Response: We would recommend that you contact the California Medical Board for

their opinion. It is their section of the Professional and Business Code that makes reference to the question you have raised. Their contact

information is provided below for your convenience:

Medical Board of California

1426 Howe Avenue # 54 Sacramento, CA 95825 (800) 633-2322

Reference # 2003-C-5

This determination does not constitute a declaratory decision under the comprehensive provisions of Government Code sections 11465.10 - 11465.70.